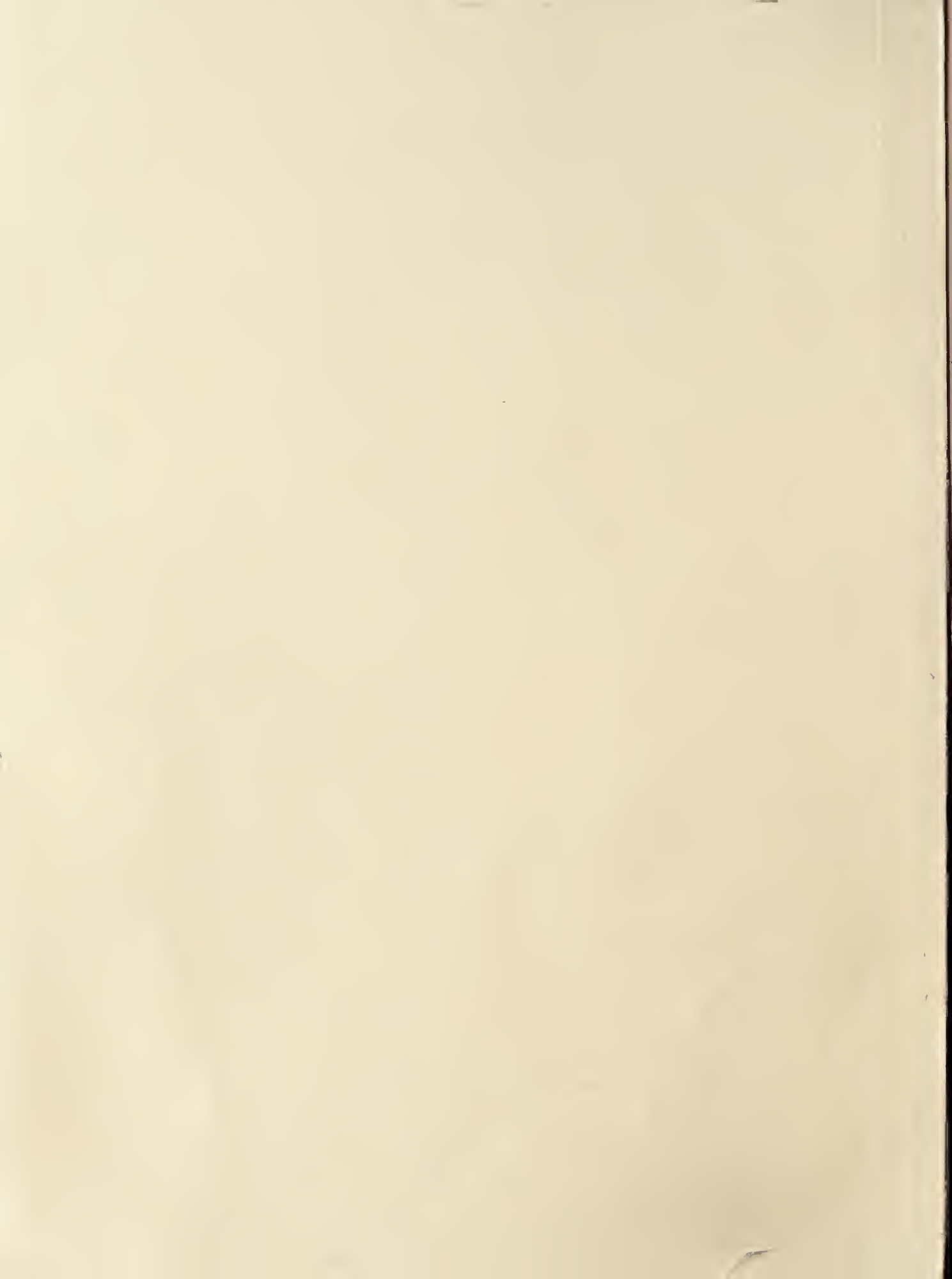
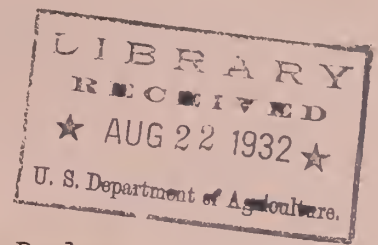


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# DISCOVERY OF REDWOOD BURL OR CALIFORNIA'S CURIO FERN

The discovery of the Redwood Burl as a plant was made some years ago. It came about in this way:

George Bert, a woodsman was clearing a small space for a cabin beside a small stream in the Santa Cruz mountains. One of these Burls was cut off and it rolled into the edge of the stream and lodged there. In about three weeks he discovered much to his surprise that Redwood foliage was growing from the water. Upon investigation he found it growing from a piece of Redwood. Mr. Bert then gathered several of these Burls and found they would all grow when placed in water and kept there.

Very soon the curio became known and is now famous as a house fern all over the Country. Their equal can not be found in plant life. They are obtained only from California where the Giant Redwoods grow. Foliage being exactly like the parent tree - excepting it only grows from six inches to two feet long and in fern form.

They create much interest while growing and they resist the cold far better than any other house fern or plant known.

There is no wood grain in them, being simply a formation of sap. They are immune from any disease.

Any plant lover will welcome this curio from the Redwood Forest.

The Giant Redwoods being the oldest living things known to man. For your own knowledge Mr. Schmid, occasionally Redwood is found which is pure white; however, it is very rare. The cause of this has never been accounted for, but it does not grow into trees - only makes a small bush.

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